

MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Monday, January 23, 2006, 4:00 p.m.
Town / County Conference Room
Mammoth Lakes, California

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present

Byng Hunt, Chair
Tony Barrett- Vice Chair
John Cecil, Supervisor
John Eastman, Councilman
Hap Hazard, Supervisor

Caltrans

Brad Mettam
Ryan Dermody

Staff Present

Scott Burns, Director
Gerry LeFrancois, Mono County Planner
Gwen Plummer, Mono County Planner
Lynetta Fuerst, Secretary
Kelly Garcia, Mono County Public Works
Nate Greenberg, IT Mono County
Mark Jackson, Town of Mammoth Lakes
Bill Manning, Town of Mammoth Lakes

Others

Al Heinrich, June Lake Advocates
Patty Heinrich, June Lake Advocates
Paula Williams, ESICE Assoc. Director
Leann Fields, CURES Board Member

Agenda items may not have been taken in order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hunt at 4:10 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve the December 12, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Cecil. Passed 4/0. Commissioner Eastman abstained. Those in favor: Barrett, Cecil, Hazard, and Hunt.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Continued to the March meeting after Supervisor Farnetti returns.

4. TRANSIT

a. Update on activities in Mono County

Ms. Plummer advised the Commission of the activity for AlterNet Rides for our ride share program.

b. Yosemite Area Regional Transit System (YARTS) update

Mr. Burns explained the overall ridership for YARTS was up 14% this year. With the Zion legislation being approved the Park Service will be able to be more active with the YARTS system. Commissioner Eastman asked if any more counties have come forward to participate with YARTS? Mr. Burns mentioned the Gateway Communities have been discussing partnering with YARTS. The next YARTS meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2006.

5. ADMINISTRATION

a. Consider approving FTA Section 5311 Regional Program of Projects (POP) for regional apportionment for operating assistance FY 2006 – Grant 24

Commissioner Eastman moved to approve FTA Section 5311 Regional POP FY 2006. Seconded by Commissioner Hazard. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Barrett, Cecil, Eastman, Hazard and Hunt.

6. CALTRANS

a. Update on activities in Mono County

Mr. Dermody explained Caltrans hoped to have the consultant from the recent truck study come to the March meeting and give a presentation. Caltrans is working with the California Highway Patrol and county Sheriffs to place more emphasis on chain controls. CHP is also stopping drivers for high amounts of snow on the vehicles. Commissioner Eastman asked Mr. Mettam what triggered the closure of highway north of Lee Vining near the avalanche area. Mr. Mettam explained Caltrans uses a weather station to gather data to determine the potential for avalanche, they are also working on a project that would install gas-x devices, and there is some discussion on studying the old highway with the county and the park service as an alternate road.

4:40 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING

7. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

a. Conduct Public Hearing

Every four years the LTC is required by statute to update the RTP, last update in 2001. Mr. Le Francois provided information explaining the elements of the RTP. The RTP is the primary planning document on transportation issues for the Mono County LTC. All transportation projects are required to be consistent with the RTP and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program which is the main funding source for local projects.

Mr. Heinrich spoke to the Commission representing the June Lake Advocates. He stated the Advocates had a few concerns and comments about the RTP. After much discussion Mr. Le Francois stated he would respond to their comments in writing point by point. Patty Heinrich inquired about the public comment process and why the Advocates comments were not being incorporated into the RTP. Mr. LeFrancois explained there is no limit to the amendments to the RTP. The June Lake CAC is recognized as the advisory group for the June Lake area.

b. Approve Resolution 2006-01 adopting the 2005 Update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTIP)

Commissioner Eastman moved to adopt Resolution 2006-01. It was seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Barrett, Cecil, Eastman, Hazard and Hunt. Staff was directed to respond to the June Lake Advocates comments in writing at the next meeting.

8. STATE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

a. Approve Resolution 2006-02 adopting the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Mr. LeFrancois handed out a project list and explained the \$ 3.5 M moved from the Mono Lake Widening to help fund the Black Rock project, which would become a new MOU project with Inyo County. There is also an option to move \$ 1.6 M to the High Point correction project. Commissioner Barrett moved to adopt Resolution 2006-02 including moving the \$ 1.6 M to the High Point correction project in the 07-08 year. It was seconded by Commissioner Cecil. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Barrett, Cecil, Eastman, Hazard, and Hunt. With the adoption of the RTIP Transportation Enhancement projects are also programmed.

9. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

a. Review of Hwy 6 as an alternative winter route

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Geographic Information systems (GIS) workshop- Nate Greenberg , MCIT

Mr. Greenberg presented a Power Point for the Commissioners on the GIS program. LTC funding was a partner to the GIS program development. The first goal was to create a library of GIS data which could be used by county staff for custom mapping. In 2001-2002 the complete county base maps were completed. In 2003 the GIS parcel viewer was available allowing individuals to view parcels and produce basic custom mapping. Currently the GIS 911 project is 50-75% completed producing a unified dispatch system. The parcel viewer is also available live for the public to use via the internet.

b. Eastern California Transportation Planning Partners member list

11. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – March 13, 2006

12. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

